

reasons listed above, the amendment as a whole is flawed and must be rejected.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

NOTE: This letter was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary but was not issued as a White House press release.

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the Russia-U.S. Fishery
Agreement**

November 19, 1993

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-265; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), I transmit herewith an Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation Amending and Extending the Agreement on Mutual Fisheries Relations of May 31, 1988. The agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Washington on March 11 and September 15, 1993, extends the 1988 agreement through December 31, 1998. This agreement also amends the 1988 agreement by simplifying the provisions relating to the issuance of licenses by each Party to vessels of the other Party that wish to conduct operations in its 200-mile zone and by adding the requirement that the Parties exchange data relating to such fishing operations. The exchange of notes together with the present agreement constitute a governing international fishery agreement within the meaning of section 201(c) of the Act.

The agreement provides opportunities for nationals and vessels from each country to continue to conduct fisheries activities on a reciprocal basis in the other country's waters. The agreement also continues a framework for cooperation between the two countries on other fisheries issues of mutual concern. Since the 1988 agreement expired October 28, 1993, and U.S. fishermen are conducting operations in Russian waters, I strongly recommend that the Congress consider issuance

of a joint resolution to bring this agreement into force at an early date.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
November 19, 1993.

**Message to the Congress Reporting
Budget Deferrals**

November 19, 1993

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report four new and two revised deferrals of budget authority, totaling \$7.8 billion.

These deferrals affect International Security Assistance programs as well as programs of the Agency for International Development, the Department of State, and the General Services Administration. The details of these deferrals are contained in the attached report.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
November 19, 1993.

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

November 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Memphis, TN, and returned to Washington, DC, in the evening.

November 16

In the morning, the President met with Richard Spring, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Ireland. In the afternoon, the President met with Mieke and